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Now, dear sir, the fight has just commenced as the prejudiced class in that community are determined that the sentence imposed on my father and myself be carried out, and they will use every means in their power to gain their hellish ends, and to thwart all in their desire to see me get justice. I appeal to you for finan cial aid, if you can assist me in any way through the columns of your paper, or otherwise, to meet the finan cial demands involved, it will be great ly appreciated. My reason for sending you a copy of the supreme court's decision and comments, is for you to see clearly it was not an act trying or attempting to defy the law in any way, but one of protecting my parents and my life. I again beg to wtate that I am a worthy member of R. T. Coles lodge, No. 86, Kansas City, Mo., and my father, Joseph Harris, of Prudent lodge, No. 6, Kansas Clty, Kas., being a 32 degree man and a 33 degree gentleman. So I appeal to you most earnestly, that you may do for us what you can. You may refer to your respective lodges as to our standing. Should you feel disposed to aid us, forward same to my mother, Mrs. Clara Harris, No. 1319 River street. Canon City, Colo., as she is striving to the control of the to gain us justice and every one locks to her to be paid for any expense in-curred in helping father and me.

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The colored papers that take first mechanical accuracy are the Amsterdam News, Richmond Planet, Kansas

It is with no small degree of appreciation that I review the merits and demerits of these journals and journalists, who are struggling as am: for to publish a Negro journal every stopover. I see written in great Our readers are more sensitive to literary abuse in a race paper than they are to the big dailies. I often have a man come into my office to complain about a stick of matter upside down in the last issue of an article that was backed up the wrong way. Now, if he, perhaps, knew that my day had been 36 hours instead of The Kansas City Sun can be found eight in comparison with his, instead on sale at the following prominent of criticising he would step in and offer to pay his subscription with the Palace Barber Shop, 19th and Vine the in relieving the situation. For hope that his mite might help a litstreets; Shumacher's News Stand, whenever you see faults standing out conspicuously in Negro papers there

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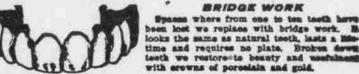
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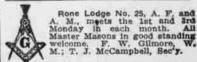
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JACK JOHNSON "RIGHT."

Paris, June 12.-Jack Johnson is using the same tactics in preparing for his fight with Frank Moran that he employed in Australia when he was getting into shape to fight Tommy

Burns for the championship. "Daddy" Vienne, promoter of the ohnson-Moran contest, called up Johnson's mansion the other morning, intending to speak to Johnson's valet. Instead of the valet it was Johnson who answered the telephone. Vienne was startled to hear Johnson's voice and asked him what he meant by being at home at 10 o'clock in the morning and wondering why he wasn't on the road working out.

Johnson explained that he had already covered ten miles that morning. instead of waiting until near noon to do his road work Johnson is out drilling when dawn breaks. He did the same thing in Australia and it worked well. By the time the average fighter rolls out of ben, Johnson has done half a day's work.

Afternoon Teas Popular.

The big champion is still conducting his afternoon teas. At these sessions Johnson does some real boxing, shadow fighting, bag punching, tosses the medicine ball, skips the rope and does numerous other things, to the delight of fashionable men and women who pay money for the privilege of seeing him train.

It is noticeable that the majority of his followers are Americans. Many delight in the remark, "I knew him in Chicago." Whether they did or not they willingly plank down a five spot, the price of admission. It is persist-ently rumored that Theodore Roosevelt will be among the spectators at the fight and many have evinced a desire to attend since they heard the quiet "tip" that will not down.

Condition a Surprise. Johnson's present condition is a surrise to those who can judge. Several days' work has taken off several pounds of superfluous flesh. He has regained much of his speed and stamina, looks trained to the minute and his sparring shows little of a long period of idleness. All the talk and deduction about his being "all in" falls to make good. Experts agree that he is all there.

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